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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled NOVEL MATERIALS USEFUL AS ELECTROLYTIC SOLUTES

the specification of which:

is attached hereto

■ was filed on Sept. 7, 1999 as Application Serial Number 09/390,642 and was amended on _____
(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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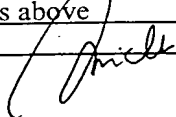
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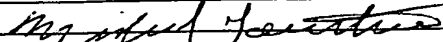

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| PCT | PCT/CA99/00087 | 3 February 1999 | Yes |

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